

A Celebration of Life

*Evangelist
Joy Helena
Hamilton*



Sunrise, February 16, 1934, Saint Rose, Louisiana
Sunset, January 15, 2010, Monterey, California

Officiant

The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Saturday January 23rd • 11:00 am

Greater Victory Temple
Church Of God In Christ
1620 Broadway Ave., Seaside, CA 93955





Joy Helena Hamilton



The Musical Prelude...

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Presiding

Bishop George D. McKinney ~ Sr. Admin. Assist. G. E. Harris

The Opening

*The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come, O Lord,
hear our prayers and accept our meditation,
As we glorify thy name, Amen*

† The Processional

† The Invocation Sr. Admin. Assist. John A. Jennings

† The Hymn of Comfort "It Is Well With My Soul"

The Old Testament Admin. Assist. Darnell Thomas

The New Testament Admin. Assist. Nathaniel Bullock

The Ministry of Music The E.E. Hamilton Mass Choir

Acknowledgement of Telegrams, & Condolences Miss'y Emma J. Clark

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The Tributes & Resolutions:

California Northwest Jurisdiction Jurisdictional Secretary Carolyn Fryson

Board of Superintendents Sr. Admin. Assist. Samuel Bobo

Jurisdictional Department of Women Mother Mary M. Welch, Supervisor of Women

General Board Wives Miss'y Vanessa Macklin

General Church Bishop Joel Harley Lyles

Introduction of General Supervisor Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, National Marshal

General Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers

International Supervisor of Women, Church Of God In Christ

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Expressions of Love (2 minutes please)

Miss'y Eileen Bobo, First Lady, Queen Memorial Church Of God In Christ

Pastor Wilbur Keel, Bright Light Church Of God In Christ

Expressions from the General Board

The Sermonic Hymn Sis. Sonia Starks

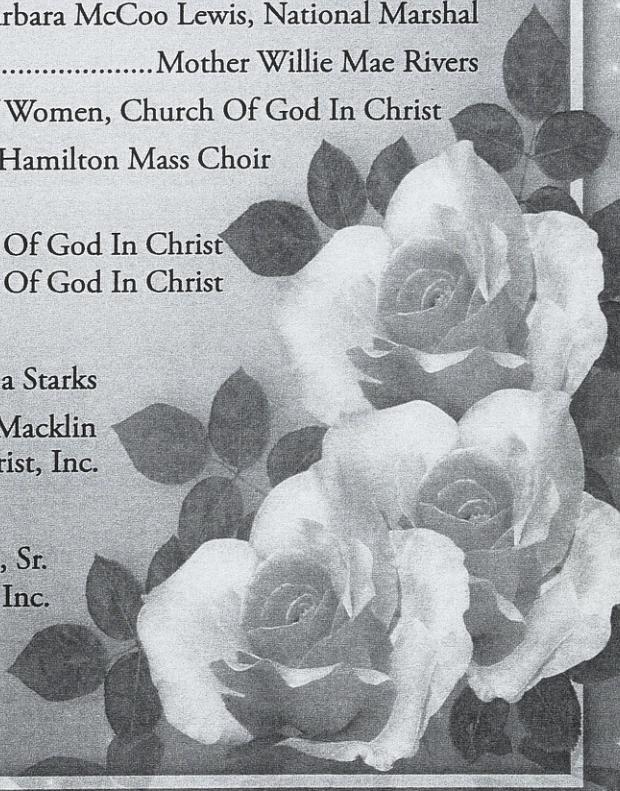
Introduction of the Eulogist Bishop J. W. Macklin

2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

The Eulogy The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr.

Presiding Bishop, Church Of God In Christ, Inc.

Benediction



Lady Joy Helena Hamilton

“Queen of Hearts”

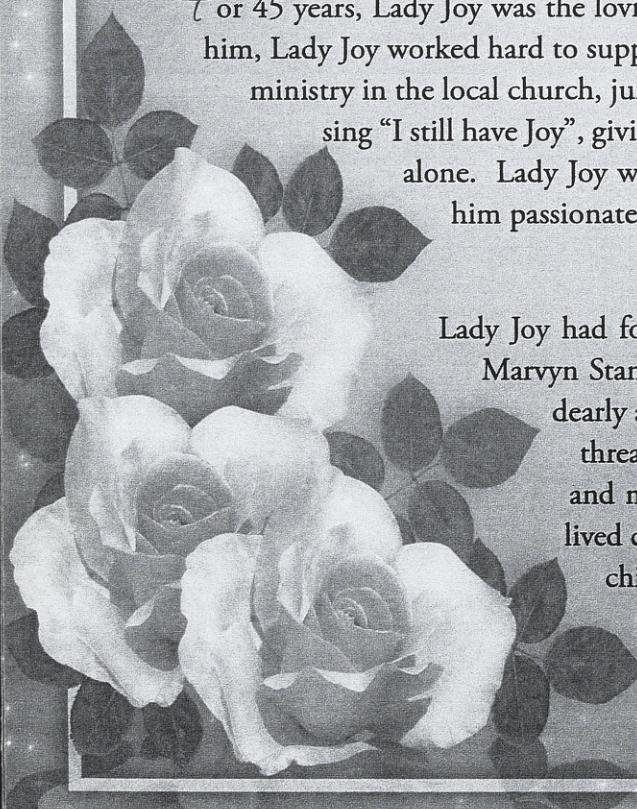
Some lives cannot be captured by a chronological recitation of events and achievements - Lady Joy Helena Hamilton was so unique and extraordinary that it is difficult to convey in words the essence of who she was. Everyone who met Lady Joy knew immediately that they were in the presence of royalty. Her passing sparked a massive outpouring of love and grief across the United States - who was this extraordinary lady who had such a powerful impact on so many lives? First lady, wife, mother, friend...these labels are hopelessly inadequate to describe this beautiful woman, affectionately known to her family as “The Queen”.

The Queen's Early Life

On February 16, 1933, Lady Joy was born in Saint Rose, Louisiana to Lena Lazime Coleman and Harrison Coleman. She was the firstborn of six children: Harry Coleman, Harrison Coleman (died at age 16), Harold Ellis, Peggy Ellis, and Mary Ellen Ellis (died at birth). Although she could not have known God’s plans for her baby girl, Lena prepared her daughter for a spectacular destiny. At the age of five, young Joy was giving speeches, singing and playing for church events as Lena unknowingly began preparing her for her life of ministry. At an early age, Joy went to live with relatives in New York. Although she considered New York her home town, Joy’s destiny would be found in California - she moved to the Golden State at the age of 17 and spent the rest of her adult life there.

The Queen at Home

For 45 years, Lady Joy was the loving wife of Bishop Wilburn Wyatt Hamilton. Fiercely loyal to him, Lady Joy worked hard to support him in every endeavor: his secular career, his home life, his ministry in the local church, jurisdiction, and on the national stage. Bishop was often heard to sing “I still have Joy”, giving the words a special meaning shared between the two of them alone. Lady Joy was the love of his life and the queen of his heart and she loved him passionately.



Lady Joy had four children: Sharyn Maxine Smith, Tom Jack Bell (deceased), Marvyn Stanley Bell, and Helena Joy Hamilton. She loved all her children dearly and could be as fierce as a mother bear or lioness when they were threatened. A friend as well as a mother, Lady Joy was always supportive and maintained an intense closeness with her children, whether they lived close by or far away. She lived in a way that set a standard for her children to reach for and the standard was high. Lady Joy had four grand-children: Maurice Anthony Lloyd, D’Andre Edwin Smith, Terrence Jason Bell, and Christopher Michael Bell. She also had one great-grandson, Elric Anthony Lloyd.

The Queen's Ministry

First and foremost, Lady Joy was a great woman of God. Lady Joy spent 35 years proclaiming and teaching the Word of God, counseling the broken and hurting, and ministering healing to the sick and afflicted. A phenomenal pastor's wife, Lady Joy was the founding first lady of the Hamilton Memorial Church Of God In Christ and she worked and prayed tirelessly to carve out that ministry. As the first lady of the Greater Victory Temple Church Of God In Christ, she was known as "the fragrance and the flower" of the house, partly in recognition of her physical beauty and gracious manner, but even more because of the loveliness of her inner man, as she modeled an example of godly womanhood and challenged the saints to live victoriously.

As her husband rose to prominence, Lady Joy rose with him, gracefully filling the roles of jurisdictional first lady, wife of the General Secretary of the national church, and wife of a General Board member. Lady Joy's abundant spiritual gifts propelled her out into the larger body of Christ and she ministered across the country at conferences, revivals, on television and in foreign countries.

Lady Joy was a strong advocate for women in the ministry - by precept and example, she birthed many spiritual daughters who would go on to labor in the Word, becoming fruitful pastor's wives, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers. Lady Joy also counted pastors, evangelists, and preachers among her spiritual sons. Lady Joy had a tender heart for pastor's wives, understanding their struggles and hardships. For ten years, she hosted a banquet to honor and bless pastor's wives and she was always available to share her experience and wisdom. Lady Joy also had a special gift for ministering to women who had suffered abuse and she pioneered workshops in this sensitive area at the national Women's Convention.

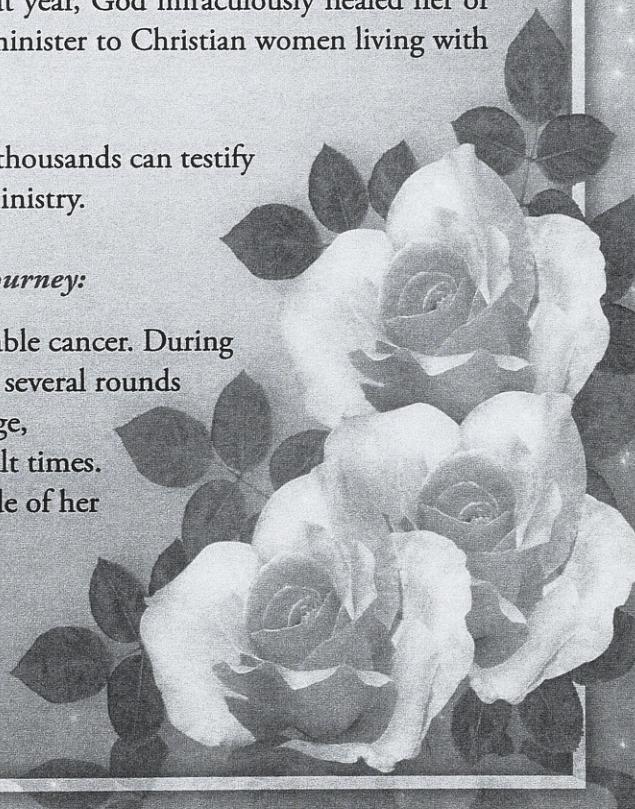
In 1993, Lady Joy was afflicted with Sarcoidosis, a potentially fatal disease. Throughout her year-long illness, Lady Joy never lost her assurance that God would bring her through victoriously - in spite of debilitating weakness and pain, she continued to minister around the country, never missing or canceling even one ministry appointment. At the end of that year, God miraculously healed her of Sarcoidosis and Lady Joy used her triumphant testimony to minister to Christian women living with illnesses such as cancer and lupus.

Only in heaven will the full impact of her life be known, but thousands can testify that their lives were permanently impacted by her anointed ministry.

The Queen's Final Journey:

On January 29, 2009, Lady Joy was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. During the months that followed, she endured the pain of her illness, several rounds of chemotherapy, and radiation therapy with grace and courage, serving as a powerful example of faith and trust during difficult times. On January 15, 2010, Lady Joy departed the earthly tabernacle of her body and entered the presence of the Lord.

*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless before the presence of
his glory with exceeding joy...Jude 1:24*



It Is Well With My Soul

Verse 1

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Verse 2

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

(Refrain)

Verse 3

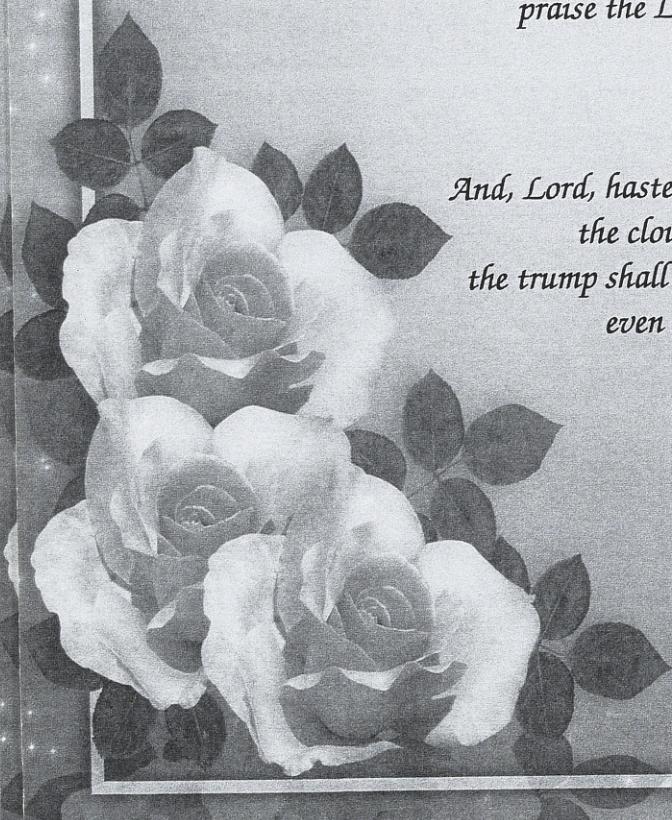
*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

(Refrain)

Verse 4

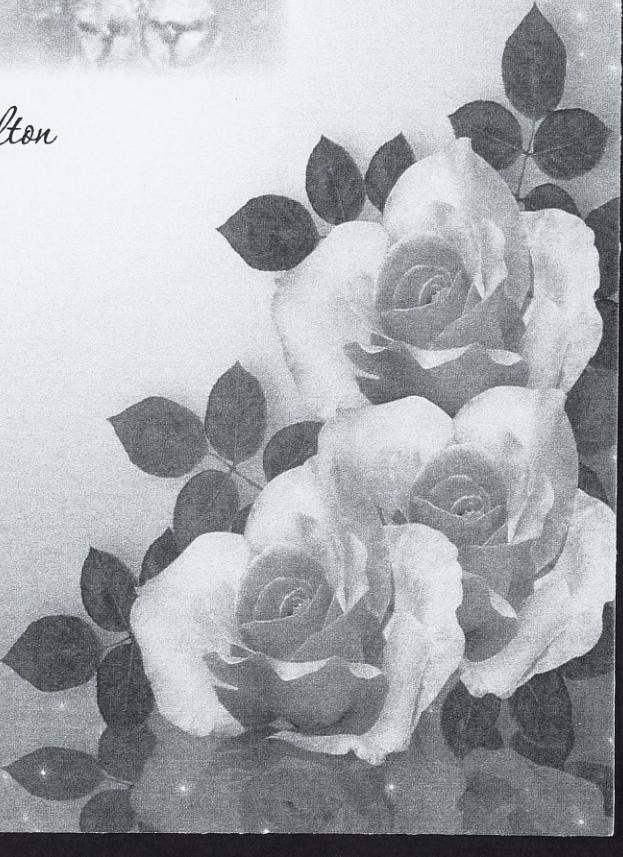
*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.*

(Refrain)





Joy Helena Hamilton



Honorary Pallbearers

Harry Coleman
Harold Ellis
John Ellis
Daniel Martin II
Stan Bell
Robert Cowan

Active Pallbearers

Daniel Martin III
Dontay Martin
Chris Bell
James Casion
DeAndre Cowan
Robbie Cowan

"Merci Beaucoup"

(Thank You Very Much)

A "Queen of Hearts" only comes along once in a lifetime...
How favored we were that our "Queen of Hearts" was Lady Joy.
We the family of this exceptional and extraordinary woman
would like to express our gratitude in a way that would
exemplify the godly and regal lady that she was.
We believe that she would want to thank each of you
personally and in an unique way. Therefore,
Merci beaucoup et pouvoir Dieu vous bénit richement
(Thank you very much and may God bless you richly).

The Hamilton Family

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Interment

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